

Dispelling the Myths of Islam

1. Myths of Christianity
 - a. America = Christianity
 - b. Crusaded = Christianity
 - c. Religion, family, government, philosophy, culture ALL PART of one great big Casserole
 - d. Approach to God.
 - i. ISLAM - God is unknowable
 - ii. ISLAM - Life is pre-determined
 - iii. ISLAM - keeping the Law is the goal of life
 - (1) We cannot keep the Law.
 - (2) The Law cannot get us to God (Rom 8:3)
 - e. Islam is not bothered by logical inconsistency.
 - i. Shariah Law should be imposed on others, but it is illegal to convert out of Islam
 - ii. Build mosques in the USA, but do not build churches in Muslim countries
 - f. Catholicism and mysticism fit into their concept of Folk Islam

2. The HISTORY of Islam
 - a. Mohammad kills his enemies in Medina.
 - b. Mohammad kills Jews and those who do not submit
 - c. Mohammad kills 700-900 Jewish boys by taking them to a ditch, and cutting off their heads (The Jews of the Banu Qurayza)
 - d. 632 - Death of Mohammed
 - e. 637 - Muslims capture Jerusalem
 - f. 632-642 - Muslim armies had taken Syria, Egypt and Persia.
 - g. 700 - Muslims complete a 70 year purge of N. Africa, virtually eliminating Christianity which had flourished for 700 years
 - h. 732 - Muslims turned back after reaching France
 - i. 846 - Muslims sack Rome and the Vatican
 - j. 1006 - Muslims invade India
 - k. 1094 - Muslims attack Spain
 - l. **1095 - Pope Urban II calls for the first Crusade - after 450 years of aggression by the raiding Muslims!**

3. CURRENT PRACTICE of ISLAM
 - a. Hamas uses Cartoon Mouse and characters to teach pre school children to hate and kill the Jews
 - b. 1/3 of US Muslims believe suicide bombings are OK
 - c. 1972 massacre of Israeli athletes
 - d. 1979 Iranian hostage crisis
 - e. 1983 bombing of US Marine barrack in Lebanon
 - f. 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103

- g. 1998 bombing of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania
- h. Ongoing Intifada in Israel - murder in the name of Allah
- i. **2001 bombing of the WTC.**
- j. **SINCE 9/11, at least 9,000 DEADLY terror attacks in the name of Islam**
- k. 9/8/2007 (Dellys, Algeria) - Twenty-eight innocent people are blown to bits by an al-Qaeda truck bomber.
- l. 9/8/2007 (Yala, Thailand) - Terrorists murder a 30-year-old Buddhist woman.
- m. 9/8/2007 (Songkhla, Thailand) - A plantation worker is shot to death in front of his wife by militant Muslims.
- n. 9/8/2007 (Mogadishu, Somalia) - A man disguised in a burqa massacres seven local soldiers in a brutal grenade attack.
- o. 9/7/2007 (Mosul, Iraq) - Radical Sunnis kidnap and murder four policemen.
- p. 9/7/2007 (Kirkuk, Iraq) - An armed attack by Muslim terrorists on a mosque leaves three people dead.
- q. **More people are killed by Islamists each year than in all 350 years of the Spanish Inquisition combined. (source)**
- r. **Islamic terrorists murder more people every day than the Ku Klux Klan has in the last 50 years. (source)**
- s. **More civilians were killed by Muslim extremists in two hours on September 11th than in the 36 years of sectarian conflict in Northern Ireland. (source)**
- t. **19 Muslim hijackers killed more innocents in two hours on September 11th than the number of American criminals executed in the last 65 years. (source)**
- u. YET Christians are accused of being as dangerous as Muslims:
 - i. "I know, yes, of course, of course, times have changed, and no religious leader today (**apart from the likes of the Taliban or the American Christian equivalent**) thinks like Moses. (Richard Dawkins, "God Delusion," 246)

From "The Religion of Peace"

Don't be fooled - - -

MANY RELIGIONS COMMIT EVIL IN THE NAME OF THEIR RELIGION

*The so-called ?members of other faiths? alluded to by Muslims are **nearly always just nominal members who have no active involvement. They are neither inspired by, nor do they credit religion as Muslim terrorists do, and this is what makes it a very different matter.***

Islam is associated with Islamic terrorism because that is the association that the terrorists themselves choose to make.

Muslims who compare crime committed by people who happen to be nominal members of other religions to religious terror committed explicitly in the name of Islam are comparing apples to oranges.

ABORTION CLINICS?

*Yes, some of the **abortion clinic bombers** were religious (as Muslims enjoy pointing out), but*

consider the scope of the problem. There were five deadly attacks over a 35 year period in the U.S. Seven people died. This is an average of one death every five years.

FROM 1972- PRESENT - 5 MILLION KILLED IN ISLAMIC WARS

By contrast, Islamic terrorists have staged over seven thousand deadly attacks in just the five years following September 11th, 2001. If one goes back to 1971, when Muslim armies in Bangladesh began the mass slaughter of Hindus, through the years of Jihad in the Sudan, Kashmir and Algeria, and the present-day Sunni-Shia violence in Iraq, the number of innocents killed in the name of Islam probably exceeds five million over this same period.

In the last six years, there have been perhaps a dozen or so religiously-inspired killings by people of all other faiths combined. No other religion produces the killing sprees that Islam does nearly every day of the year. Neither do they have verses in their holy texts that arguably support it. Nor do they have large groups across the globe dedicated to the mass murder of people who worship a different god, as the broader community of believers struggles with ambivalence and a radical clergy that supports the terror.

4. Jesus warned us about religious teachings like Islam
 - a. What does the Bible teach?
 - i. **Matthew 24:5** “many will come In my name. . .”
 - ii. **Galatians 1:6-9**

5. REACHING MUSLIMS with the GOSPEL
 - a. RELATIONSHIPS!
 - b. TIME. *Mark and Angie interview*

 - c. Many Muslims in the US are social in nature, not highly religious.

 - d. Points of commonality:
 - i. One God. *Muslims accuse Christians of believing in three gods.*
 - ii. Morality. *It should be stressed that America is a nation, not a religion. God does not approve of the immorality in America.*
 - iii. Background. Muslims believe in Adam, Noah, Moses, Jonah, John the Baptist and Jesus. They believe in the virgin birth . They believe Jesus was a great prophet. **Take them to the gospels to study the life and teaching of Jesus!**
 - iv. Sacred book. *Muslims claim that the Qur’an is the only uncorrupted book. They claim the NT was corrupted and changed. **They revere the Qur’an in a mystical way, never putting it on the floor or allowing another book to be placed higher. They would never write or mark in the Qur’an.***

 - e. Salvation.
 - i. Fatalistic approach. *Life is predetermined. You cannot change your destiny.*

- ii. God. *God is impersonal. He is so far above us, that we cannot comprehend his ways. The incarnation if understood undermines this aspect of the Muslim world view.*
- iii. Eternal Security. *You cannot know if you will make it to heaven.*
 - (1) Mohammad didn't know if he would get to heaven. "Nor do I know what will be done with me or with you" *Surah 46:9*
 - (2) "By Allah, though I am the apostle of Allah, yet I do not know what Allah will do to me." *vol 5:266*
 - (3) "Save yourselves from Hellfire, as I cannot save you from Allah's punishment." *Sahih Bukhari Vol 4, book 51, #16.*
- f. Tools
 - i. Your testimony - Muslims believe that God has not spoken since speaking to Mohammad 1400 years ago. What a surprise to hear that He is still speaking today!
 - ii. The NT teaching of Jesus and the Apostles. Since the Qur'an speaks so frequently and surprising well of Jesus, studying the *true* revelation may be surprisingly easy.
 - iii. "Indeed, in our effort to bring Muslims to study the Bible, we have an unexpected ally in Mohammed's book the Qur'an. In a careful reading of Quranic references (3:84; 5:51, 71; 6:34; 10:37, 64, 94; 46:12) we find that Mohammad affirmed his belief in what was revealed to Moses and Jesus. He taught that God confirms and guards all previous scripture, that Christians are to stand fast on their own books of the Law and the Gospel, and that none could change the Word of God. Finally, the Muslim is told that if he has doubts he should ask the Jews and Christians, who were reading the Holy Books before he was.¹
 - iv. Prayer. Colossians 4:3-4

¹Don McCurry, "Witnessing Tips."